

May 7, 1987

LB 288A

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Higgins would move to bracket LB 288A until May 30, 1988.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. First, I would like to address Senator Hartnett's remarks where he said Douglas County had voted for the exemption for the airplanes and the computer mainframes. As I said earlier, the counties are the people. Those five "dingbats" on the Douglas County Board were the ones that did it. If you brought it to a vote of the people and told them the money is coming out of your pocket to give to the rich, they would throw the five out of office. But they don't know it because the World-Herald and none of the TV or radio stations will tell them what the county board did. Senator Hall, I have never been ashamed or afraid to stand up on this floor and apologize when I have made a mistake. My remarks were to kill 288A and then say keep it alive so we can put the good things in 288 in it. My remarks were that that was a sham. I did not say you personally would try to put LB 288 into the A bill, I said somebody will try to. You get me the transcript, if I said it, then I will say it this way, you wouldn't do it yourself but God knows you would find somebody else to. I won't take it back. Senator Labedz, three minutes before we vote to kill 288, I came down there and said, what does your amendment do? And, you told me. You said now Tim and I each have a motion up there to kill 288 and even if my amendment passes, I'm going to vote to kill it. And you had Vard Johnson's figures on your desk then. Senator Labedz said Douglas County will get back \$7 million. Senators, we from Douglas County know, even if we are beginners in this Legislature, we know that the minute we say Douglas County is going to prosper we are going to get a lot of no votes on that. So I think Senator Labedz pointing out the \$7 million was bait for everybody to vote against it so Douglas County wouldn't get it. But your counties are also going to pay it. And I go back to my original statements. I did not lie. I don't do that, not intentionally. Sometimes I get misinformation, but when I get it from the horse's mouth it isn't misinformation. I will withdraw this motion to bracket 288A but I want the record straight and I'll say it again. Those people who told me they were going to vote to kill 288, whether or not the Labedz and Hall amendment was adopted, did not do so. And Senator Hartnett pointed out to me that he and